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SUBJ: CONSUL'S VISIT TO LAWRENCE LAYTON
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2. AS PER REFTEL, PRISON AUTHORITIES HAD AGREED TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF LAYTON'CELL AND OTHER PRISON FACILITIES. CONOFFS WERE ACCOMPAINED ON INSPECTION TOUR BY SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS, AND FOUND SIZE OF CELLS ADEQUATE.
3. LAYTON SHOWED NO SIGNS OF DELIBERATE PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE, AND CONOFFS FOUND HIS GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION AND APPEARANCE IMPROVED. IN RESPONSE TO CONSUL'S QUESTIONS, LAYTON STATED THAT HIS OUTSIDE MEAL PLAN WAS SATISFACTORY, AND THAT THE WAS CONTINUING TO RECEIVE REGULAR VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS AND OUTDOOR EXERCISE PERIODS. LAYTON HAD NO SPECIFIC MEDICAL COMPLAINTS.
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4. IN RESPONSE TO LAYTON'S INQUIRY OF THE STATUS OF LEGAL PROCEEDING AGAINST HIM, CONSUL STATED THAT LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAD REPORTED THAT FORMAL INDICTMENT WAS IMMINENT. CONSUL FURTHER REMINDED LAYTON THAT, WHILE THE USG WAS NOT TAKING ANY POSITION ON THE LEGAL MERITS OF THE CASE, EMBASSY WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR PROMPT JUDICIAL TREATMENT.
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